

Salem Aug 6th 1841

Dear Friend Excuse me for writing you at
 this time. But it is time that you knew the facts
 it was the desire of all the colored friends of Salem
 that you should give us an address on the second but
 just as soon as it was known you could not be with
 us on the second & arrangements were made to get us
~~at~~ the celebration not to put it off & to give a general
 interest to the Sundays School which so much pains so much
 expense to keep the tender minds to acts of justice it became
 us as Teachers & as those who feel for good the desiring
 generations under these considerations & our duty & becoming as
 citizens of Salem duty called to become united on this occasion
 & we considered Mr. Denham as he could be procured quite easy
 and our whole interest as is bound up in general welfare
 of our colored friends. It was then got up under the head
 of the Am. organization. but we wished to be united just
 on these grounds. Merely for to celebrate the anniversary
 of British Emancipation. & it was voted not to bring in
 any thing about other party as all the colored friends were
 on the committee got all things in order & settled all the
 bills which cost us at the cheapest rate over 69 dollars
 we collected ~~about~~ enough to have five dollars for which
 at our last meeting was voted to give for the benefit of
 our Sundays School for which may God in his mercy
 bless us for. & you may rely upon my word let people
 oppose us & say what they will you never need fear but
 you will find for the largest portion of our colored friends in
 in Salem your friends. Is not secured by any flying report
 for I am confident the Union Charitable Society of Males & the
 Female Religious & Moral Society have never departed from their
 first love to you & feel indebted to you for the much good
 advice given us from time we had on Monday a good cele-
 bration every one felt delighted with the Sunday School mem-
 ber from 60 to 70 had over two hundred at the collation

We have excited so much curiosity or rather
interest & caused some shame by those who oppose
by the good behaviour of the children at this
celebration. Those who once said we had no souls
now seem willing to acknowledge the colored children
behaviour was such as to give credit to them &
exceed the whites at their fourth of July celebration
your friend with great respect Mrs. Jewell
Jewell

As what is meant by flying reports ends that
it has been thought we were deceived but it is all
false there is no truth in it